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LESSONS FROM THE EQUITABLE

When the Equitable insurance squabble was begun many who looked beneath the surface of the conclusion that whatever might have been the motives at the beginning which prompsed the officials who are waging war so each other, the real fight was between Morgan and Harriman for the sontrol of the company with its enormous assets. No one imagined that winer Morgan or Harriman proposed to utilize these assets in any but a legitimate way, but how vast is the power which the control of such a company gives may be realized from the fact that the \$400,000,000 of assets of the Equitable is equal to more than half of the national banking capital of the United States. The purchase of a control of the company by Mr. Ryan, and his close association with Mr. Morgan, taken in connection with other things bearing on the matter, can only be interpreted as a Morgan victory, thus enabling Mr. Morgan to add one more vast aggregation of wealth to his entourage. With the Equitable and the New York Life closely affiliated with Morgan interests, and with the Mutual Life probably not unfriendly-in fact the report now being that the Mutual Life is interested in the purchase of the Equitable-the enormous power of the \$1, 500,000,000 assets owned or controlled by these three companies is probably practically massed for any active finangial movement. This power is too yast for safety and for the good of the Pountry

It will be better in the long run should the fight in and for the Equitable cause the whole country to seriously consider the question of insurance. It seems hardly possible to believe that the purchase of a control of the stock and the management of this property by people who have been bitterly assailed for alleged illegal acts will overcome the criticisms which have been called out by the recriminations of the officers and directors. and if the final result of all this trouble should lead to a lessening of the power of a few of the great insurance mous drain of money from every section into the treasury of a few big insurance companies is a distinct disadvantage. It has resulted in too great in De Soto. a concentration of wealth and power and at the same time in too great a st of insurance. For years the South and the West have poured into the East millions and tens of millions of rain a for the past week. for insurance premiums. In times past this may have been necessary, but now the South is financially strong enough to organize its own insurance companies, and it ought to finance many of its own business undertakings day, and ough thus to concentrate in its own companies, banking, insurance and others, some of the vast wealth this place last week. which it has heretofore been helping to pile up in New York. The South should begin to seriously study ways and means to stop some of the enormous tribute which for years it has paid to the power and wealth of New York's great insurance companies.

PLANT TOBACCO

Too much attention cannot be paid to the matter of transportation and place Monday. markets by those engaged in agriculture. One of the first considerations not he can ship his products to a given sir profit for what he has to sell. Ralls, Arcadia, Fla.

Along these lines the editor of the News has a few words to say and a suggestion to offer that may profit some of his readers. In a county so kinds of crops can be grown and they can reach the great markets of the North at such an early date that they command the highest prices. This is true regarding early shipments, but later, when other sections north of us commence shipping. prices depreciate. By reason of this fact much of the products of our soil remain in the fields to rot, our extreme southern location, an advantage early in the season, telling against us when points farther north commence to ship. Twould be well then to plant some-Twould be well then to plant some-thing that we can sell nearer home at W. H. Peeples a good prize and that something be of b. W. Brown, such a character that a large production will not greatly reduce the growers profits. De Soto County can pro- Jessie Davis, duce such a crop and has a market for M. T. Bond. it right at her doors. It has been fully W. G. Wells. demonstrated that her soil and climate is more like that of Cuba than H.M. Davis, w. W. Fulford, any in Florida and that tobacco grown E. T. Smith Hdw. Co. here is of a finer quality and is more Clayton Porter, like the Cuban products than is any Stenstrom grown off the island. Tampa with her J. A. Williams, kundreds of cigar factories is the w. A. Southerland, world's greatest tobacco market and if Arcadia Mer. Co., our planters will raise high grade tobacco, that city will take every ounce N. M. Bryant, that is sent there and pay a good price for it too. Let our farmers give thought to this matter. A small plot w. G. Wells, lumber, poor farm. H. & Cowart, buying negro. Ed. Greene, Drugs cing and profitable experiment.

F. E. C. EXTENSION.

Many persons are desirous of knowing how Mr. Flagler ever expects to make his investment of from forty to fifty million of dollars in the extension of the Florida East Coast railroad pay. J. W. They seem to overlook the fact that B. A. Wachob, Inquest "Uncle Henry" looks far into the fu-"Uncle Henry" looks far into the future and that the Panama Canal is W. E. Robertson, scavinger, under construction. When that great A. C. Freeman, Inquest,
Consmers Lumber & Veneer Co. lumber for work is finished, Key West with the Co finest and largest terminals south of Geo. H. Fernald Hardware, Tank for jail 86,80 Philadelphia and with her extreme southern location will be an important city among southern sea ports. T. R. Stark, for Mrs. Brown, She will be the gateway through which H. E. Carlton, for Mrs. Dowlas "
will pass thousands upon thousands of Mrs. Giddens, " will pass thousands upon thousands of tons of goods from Central and South J. F. Craft, for Mrs. Johnson America and from the Orient. The H. E. Carlton for Mrs. Mercer Mrs. Manuel, for Mrs Cason, "Florida East Coast Railroad will be W. A. McEwen for Mrs, Hall. the best equipped to handle the immense shipments and will doubtless Wm get the major part of them. Mr. D.W. Brown, Flagler isn't asleep by any means.

De Soto county will in the next few years take the place that is justly hers. It has already gone forth G. Barnhill, Wit throughout the length and breadth of A. C. Freeman feeding prisoners the land that her soil is the most productive and her climate as salubrious as is that of any in the State. With HubChadwick companies the country will be better these advantages, land is so cheap that off for it. We believe that the enor- the ordinary day laborer can, if he wants it, get an acre a day for his services. That fact accounts in a great measure for the scarcity of day labor

BROWNVILLE

We have been having an abundance

Leslie Roberts, is attending school at Brownville. L. S. Waldron, was in Brownville

Mr. Ira Maranie, of Nocatee made Mr. Ira Maranie, of Nocatee made an appreciated visit in Brownville Sun-day.

Frank Smi'h, W. Floyd, Bessle Brooks,

Mrs. Mc Ewen and Mrs. Johnson, of Fort Ogden, were visiting relatives at Joe Fagan,

Mrs. Maggie Mc Clenathan was Guy Johnson, here the first of the week, Tony Tucker, John Carlton made homefolks a

visit Saturday. John Murphy was here last week. Miss Ada Odom was calling in Ar-

cadla the first part of the week. Jessie Freeman was visiting relatives here last week.

Minnie Waldron made a call to Arada Wednesday.

Mindie Wednesday. tives here last week.

cadia Wednesday.

Tim Carner entered school at this

I have for sale within the incorpoof the planter should be whether or rate limits of Arcadia, desirably located, three tracts of land, fronting resi- H O. Silcox, dence streets, and planted withfine toint and there secure the highest bearing orange trees. One tract connice. He should therefore make a tains a good six room cottage, wellprefulstudy of his environment and built, 200 bearing trees and consists of F. M. Thomas, of existing local conditions and find two and one half acres. This tract I E. B. Gallager, Lest, what crops his land can most ask \$4000 for. The other two, each James Gaskill, contain about 800 bearing trees each, John successfully produce and second, but no buildings. Will sell at extend to the nearest market that offers tremely reasonable figures. W. O. B. A.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of the Bosza of County Commissioners of De Soto County.

The following warrants were drawn fertile as is De Soto, many different at the regular meeting of the Board in

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E. T. Smith,	4	2,
J. M. Scott	" 1	2,
H. C. Mallard,	* 1	5,
J. M. Wilson,	" 1	14,
F. E. Waldrop	" 1	1,
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J. M. Parker, W. F. Kirkride.

Louisa Whidden. Tom Hagan,

Tony Tucker, Will Davis, Clyde Conaway A. O. Spearing, D. Goff

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R. Keen, R. Singletary, I. W. McLane J. P.

ORIENTAL COURTESY.

An Incident In Which Miss Anna Dickinson Figured,

Miss Anna Dickinson traveled everynature in all of its lairs. Writing to a woman friend once, she described a reception given by wealthy Chinamen in a restaurant kept by Chi Lung in San Francisco, and she was the guest of honor. She said that she saw a serv-ant coming toward her with a box divided into many compartments, with different kinds of nuts and candles in the smaller trays. She picked out half a dozen or more and laid them on the arm of the chair, which served as a ta-ble. As the attendant passed on to others she saw that each took only one bonbon, and she was much embar-

But when the servant approached the chief Chinaman, the one who had orig-inated the reception, he took a large handful, and those after him did the same, and then Miss Dickinson felt re-lieved. She wrote: "After I learned that I must have

shocked all of those educated, cultured Chinamen as much as you or I should have been shocked if we had invited a Chinaman whom we respected to dine with us and he had taken a whole fried chicken and torn it limb from limb at our table. In such an event would you or I have had the tact and courtesy to have taken other chickens and thus dismembered them?"

RUSSIAN WOMEN.

The Many Restrictions to Which They Are Now Subjected. It is difficult for an American to understand that freedom as we know it does not exist in Russia. There the legal position of woman is far from sat-isfactory. She hardly ever belongs to herself, but is always under the tute-

As a daughter the Russian woman is under the entire control of her parents. Her coming of age does not alter her position. She simply changes the au-thority of her parents for the no less rigid authority of her husband. As the Russian statute puts it, "One person cannot reasonably be expected to fully satisfy two such unlimited powers as that of husband and parent

The unlimited power of the parent is withdrawn and that of the husband substituted. She cannot leave her lord even to visit a neighboring town with out a "pass" from him. He names the time she is permitted to stay, and at the end of that time she is bound to re-

turn to get the pass renewed.

A husband may appear in a court of law as a witness against his wife, but a wife is not allowed to appear against Russia is always regarded as of less weight than that of a man.—Harper's Weekly.

LOVE OF NATURE.

The More Man Loses Out of Door Life the More He Admires It. The more man has become engaged in the conflicts of civilization, in intel-

lectual disappointment, the more he has felt the uselessness of knowledge, the more he has turned to certain expressions of art as an escape. He has addressed poems to nature, has paint-ed landscape more and more, has shown in every way that such an escape was a dream. Art has existed from the very beginning, even before the first man stuttered out his naming of the animals and expressed their character by the sound of their name. The dances of savages, as we call them—that is to say, of people of earlier forms of civilization-invented before the arts of design, record in a poetic way what they do and the seasons of such doing and even the appearance of nature—the storm, the rain, the clouds blowing across the sky, the lashing of the sea against the shore. In Fiji they have a dance where the women spread out their arms like the wave lines of the surf. and the children, springing up behind them, represent the foam of the wave crests. From these beginnings we know that tragedy and comedy, as we call them, have grown. Thea, as all

THE BUDDHIST HADES.

these disappear in fact, they are re-

man more and more leaves behind him a life of out of doors in so much does

he desire to admire it.-McClure's Mag-

corded in the art of painting

Eight "Easy Stages" of the Most Aw-ful Kinds of Torture. The place of torment to which all

wicked Buddhists are to be assigned on the day of final reckoning is a terrible place of punishment. This Buddhistic hell is divided into eight "easy stages." In the first the poor victim is compelled to walk for untoid ages in his bare feet over hills the the stage of the points. 2,40 thickly set with redhot needles, points 2,40 upward. In the second stage the skin 2,40 is all carefully filed or rasped from the body and irritating mixtures ap plied. In the third stage the nails, plied. In the third stage the nalls, hair and eyes are plucked out and the deuuded body sawed and planed into all sorts of fantastic shapes. The fourth stage is that of "sorrowful lamentations." In the lifth the left side of the body and the deauded head are carefully boasted, Yema, the Buddhistic are superforming the work. In carefully boasted, Yema, the Budehlstic Sainn, superintending the work. In
the sixth stage the arms are torn from
the bedy and thrown into an immelse
vat among the eyes, nails and helr previously removed. Then in plain hear
tag of the sore footed, blind, maked,
reasted and bleeding victim the whele
heaven mass is pounded into a jell,
in the seventh stage the effect side of
the victim and his feet are rase
beown, and then comess the eighth
tag stage, in which the candidate,
thrown into the bottomicse pit 50 an
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